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¶1. (C) On October 31, PolCouns delivered the points in reftel A and a copy of the letter in reftel B to Vasyl Pokotylo, Head of Division, MFA Arms Control Department. (Note: As requested, we also forwarded a copy of the letter ref B through official channels addressed to Deputy Foreign Minister Andriy Veselovskiy, who has overall authority for arms control-related issues.) Pokotylo told PolCons that he had no knowledge of any Ukrainian business dealings with the Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation. He also reminded us of the MFA statements opposed to North Korean nuclear device testing and assured us that Ukraine takes its obligations under the PSI seriously and said we are "in 100 percent agreement" on the North Korea issue.

12. (U) Visit Embassy Kyiv's classified website: www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/kiev. Taylor